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Bank of Thailand Helping Key Economic Sectors

The Bank of Thailand (BOT) has provided 126.563 billion baht credit facility to key economic sectors during the year 2000.

BOT Director of the Public Communications Office and deputy spokesman, Mr. Oubaur Kruthanooch announced that “the BOT has allocated 126.563 billion baht as the credit facility during the year 2000 for key economic sectors through state financial institutions.”

When combining the BOT credit facility with the 112.330 billion baht loans provided by other financial institutions, the aggregate credit extended last year amounted to 238.893 billion baht.

“The key economic sector that has received the largest amount of credit from BOT's facility is the export sector. At the end of last year, BOT financially provided the support to export sector totaling 79.627 billion baht. The industrial sector, excluding the SMEs, received the BOT loan of 1.156 billion baht,” added the BOT deputy spokesman.

In the year 2000, the BOT's credit facility was concentrated in helping the small and medium enterprises (SMEs). As of April 17, the BOT had extended the loans to include service industry, wholesale and retail businesses, as well as sub-contractors. During the year 2000, the BOT had already provided credit facility to about 5,361 SMEs businesses worth 21.522 billion baht. When combining with the other financial institutions' additional credits to SMEs, the loan credit totaled 35.870 billion baht.

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